

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: "REDUCED CIRCUIT TRACE ROUGHNESS FOR IMPROVED SIGNAL PERFORMANCE", the specification of which:

(X only one) (a) X is attached hereto.
(b) was filed as U.S. Patent Application No. on , 20 , and was amended on , 20 (if applicable).

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36, 3.71, and 3.73, Nortel Networks Limited, the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-referenced patent application and/or patent by virtue of the assignment (check as applicable):

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Respectfully submitted,

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